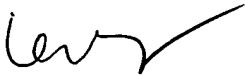




Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner contacted Applicants' representative to discuss Applicants' response regarding the term "TOPOGRAPHY" and "COMPONENT". Examiner indicated that Peterson's topography reads on Applicants claimed "topography". The representative argued that his response clearly explained the differences between Peterson's topography and Applicants' claimed "topography". Further, the topologies described by Peterson relate to standard network topologies and are not interchangeable with Applicants' topographies. The representative argued that nowhere does Peterson suggest that the components used in Peterson's system are "topography neutral" and are adapted to "interoperate with more than one topography" as claimed by the Applicants. Importantly, Peterson does not teach or suggest analyzing a topography design that corresponds to a topography. Examiner suggested Applicants to further define the meaning of topography and component in an effort to clarify the claimed invention. Applicants agreed to do so and authorized the Examiner to make the changes via an Examiner's Amendment.



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